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Welcome to Sarajevo Film Screening



Stephen Dillane (left) and Woody Harrelson (center) in a scene from Michael Winterbottom's *Welcome to Sarajevo*.

Welcome to Sarajevo, a film by Michael Winterbottom and distributed by Miramax, will be presented in preview to OPC members and guests at the Tribeca Screening Room at the Tribeca Film Center on Wednesday, October 15 at 6:00pm. The film is based on the story of the veteran British journalist Michael Nicholson, who covered the siege of Sarajevo and daringly smuggled a child

out of Bosnia. In his twenty-five years with ITN, Nicholson covered more wars and conflicts than any other British newsman, from Vietnam to the breakdown of Yugoslavia. The film was sparked by the idea that in Sarajevo even

a hardened reporter could be moved to a personal and risky act of compassion.

This story of a Western journalist's transformation was the inspiration for a broader tribute to Sarajevo's courage. The defiant spirit of the city itself is the backdrop for the stories of war correspondents covering the Serbian siege.

Michael Winterbottom, the director, was the first filmmaker allowed into Sarajevo after the siege to shoot on location—just days after the Dayton Peace Accord in January 1996. A British actor, Stephen Dillane, plays Nicholson. Woody Harrelson is the American "cowboy" journalist and Oscar winner Marisa Tomei is an inexperienced but tenacious American aid worker who is determined to rescue Bosnian orphans.

The director uses actual news footage from reels of Bosnian TV and ITN coverage to emphasize how anesthetized people have become to what they see on television news.

The film opened at the Sarajevo Film Festival in September and will begin playing to American audiences in November.

Vietnam Revisited: A Correspondent Goes Back

David Lamb covered the Vietnam War for United Press International from 1968-70. He recently returned to open a bureau in Hanoi for the *Los Angeles Times*.

By David Lamb

HANOI—I never thought I'd be writing about living the good life in Hanoi. But if I hated Saigon during the war, I've found that I love Hanoi during the peace. It's a throwback to the "Old Asia" of the 1960s before Asian cities turned into canyons of high-rises.

With its low, French architecture, its cluster of downtown lakes and a popula-

tion genuinely welcoming to Americans—a sentiment I can't yet explain—Hanoi hardly seems the place we used to think of as "the enemy capital." Bring up the war here, in fact, and the Vietnamese just smile and say, "That is the past."

Quite unlike my time in Saigon, I'm part of a small journalistic community in Hanoi, numbering no more than 20. The government is sensitive to what we write. Officials tell us they hope our articles will offer "constructive criticism" and help promote better relations
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Hong Kong's Press Has More to Fear Than Self-Censorship

By Justin Doebele

A number of editorials have speculated about press freedoms in the post-handover Hong Kong. Most tend to echo the sentiment of Carol Lai, the president of the Hong Kong Journalists Association, who was recently quoted saying "It's self-censorship rather than direct intimidation that will undermine the freedom of expression in Hong Kong." The overall impression is that Hong Kong hasn't yet seen much direct action to limit the press.

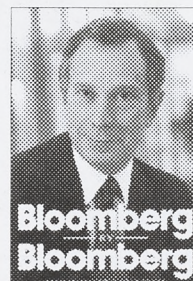
The trouble is, it's awfully hard to

measure self-censorship. Instead of wringing hands over pulled punches, why not talk about the actual events that are troubling? There is a growing list of incidents that don't bode well for the new Special Administrative Region of China. In late April, Baptist University, which has one of the top journalism programs in Hong Kong, hosted a seminar on proposals to curtail civil liberties. Baptist journalism students went to the seminar but were barred from asking any questions because they were "guests" and not "members" of the seminar. Around the same time, it was widely reported that the editor of the leading English-language newspaper, the *South China Morning Post*, was given a Chinese "uncle," a nickname for a Beijing-approved overseer. The development was especially galling since no one—including the editor—knew about it until one morning workmen set up the "uncle's" office next to the editor's.

Also widely reported—again just before the handover—was the shunting aside of Jimmy Lai and his Next Media company. When Lai sought an underwriter for a stock offering, he became persona non grata in the investment community. Was there a problem with his company? Absolutely not. His *Next* magazine and his *Big Apple* newspaper

OPC Event at Bloomberg

The Bloomberg organization hosted the opening program for about 75 OPC members and guests on September 23. Michael Bloomberg spoke extensively about his vast business news operation and Matt Winkler, editor-in-chief of Bloomberg News, talked about working on the book *Bloomberg by Bloomberg*. Conversation, wine and hors d'oeuvres flowed freely while OPC members discovered the energized world of Bloomberg in small group tours of the facilities.



Events and Contests

The Committee to Protect Journalists hosts the Seventh Annual International Press Freedom Awards Dinner on Thursday Oct. 23, 1997 at 6:15 p.m. at The Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York. For more information call CPJ at (212) 465-9344, ext. 13.

The World Press Photo Foundation's 41st World Press Photo Contest is now open for applicants. The deadline for entries is Jan. 23, 1998. Photos must be taken in 1997. For more information, call the Foundation in the Netherlands at (31 20) 6766-096 or e-mail: office@worldpressphoto.nl

are both wildly popular publications. The "problem" was that Lai printed an editorial he penned a few years ago insulting a Beijing leader, the equivalent of calling President Clinton a "stupid idiot." While the comment may be in bad taste, it hardly serves as a reason to disqualify Lai from financial backing—unless you think associating with him may hurt your chances of landing deals on the Chinese mainland.

Fear of self-censorship? That usually comes after one has a reason to be afraid—and in Hong Kong, the reasons are becoming more self-evident.

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Ruth Gruber to Appear in *The Long Way Home*

Ruth Gruber, an OPC member since 1958, has been a very busy lady this year. She appears in the documentary film *The Long Way Home*, which chronicles the experiences of Holocaust survivors from the liberation of Nazi camps in 1945 to the founding of the state of Israel as a Jewish homeland three years later. Ruth covered the story of the famous ship "Exodus 1947" as the pool correspondent representing the American press. Her photographs, highlighted in the film, were also used in the Time-Life series, *World War II*, and one was selected as *Life*



Ruth Gruber

magazine's Picture of the Week.

The Long Way Home was made under the auspices of the Simon Wiesenthal Center and was featured at the Sundance Film Festival. *The New York Times* reviewed the film on September 19, 1997 and quoted Gruber saying, "To this day I can still smell Cyprus"—in reference to her trek around the Mediterranean covering the ship to nowhere.

In May Ruth received the Simon Wiesenthal Humanitarian Award during a Holocaust Remembrance service in Los Angeles. In April she was honored at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York "in grateful recognition of outstanding services rendered to the Jewish people 1945-1948."

On October 5 and 6 the documentary *Harry S. Truman* will be shown on PBS

stations. Ruth's segment is about the relationship between Truman and his former haberdashery partner, Eddie Jacobson. Ruth was a family friend of the Jacobson's.

As if all this was not enough, Ruth also appears in three other documentaries: *Exodus 1947* on PBS; *Exiles and Emigres*, the story of the artists who fled Germany as Hitler came to power, made by the Los Angeles County Art Museum, and *Babylonia and Jerusalem*, part of a 21-part series by Israel Broadcasting Company for the 50th anniversary of the birth of Israel, scheduled for the spring of 1998.

VIETNAM

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between Vietnam and the West. It is not easy to give a meaningful response.

Last week I took the daily "reunification" train from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City—34 hours, with stops in Hue, Danang and Nha Trang—and spent a few days poking around the city I had last seen during the panicked exodus of April 1975. Though I had promised myself I would concentrate on writing about the present and future, not the past, I couldn't help looking for memories.

There weren't many to tie myself to. Tu Do (Freedom) Street is now Dong Khoi (Uprising) and the prostitute-filled bars along it have been replaced by upscale shops offering brand names such as Cartier, Compaq, and Rolex. On the Saigon River end of Dong Khoi, the remodeled Majestic Hotel once again looks as elegant as it did upon its opening in the 1920s.

I went looking for the old sand-bagged UPI office on Ngo Duc Ke, but it had been swallowed up by a string of inexpensive restaurants. And the Melody Bar next door—where I would have been overjoyed to see my old colleague Bert Oakley belting down a double Jack Daniels while pondering (or more likely, not pondering) his night lede—had simply disappeared.

So I will have to be sustained by the memories. But perhaps the overriding realization I have had here is how little I knew of Vietnam itself during the war. That will be part of the fun of this assignment because, to use a well-worn cliché, I've finally got the chance to discover that Vietnam is a country, not a war.

OPC Committee Protests Anti-Press Tyranny in Belarus

The following letter, reprinted from *The New York Times* of August 29, 1997, followed a protest of President Lukashenko's repression sent by the OPC to the Belarussian president himself. And that protest was about one of 30 issued by the Freedom of the Press Committee since early June.

Tyranny in Belarus

To the Editor:

Your August 25 editorial on Belarus presents only a smidgen of the anti-press record of President Aleksandr Lukashenko. He has also banned broadcasts, supported libel suits against journalists and withheld reports on government corruption. The post office was ordered to stop delivering three independent newspapers, and five independent newspapers were banned from using the state-run printing plant. Even when the newspapers are permitted to publish, censorship is constant.

Larry Martz, Norman Schorr
New York, Aug. 25, 1997

The writers are co-chairmen of the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee.

Among the other cases:

- In Mali, 15 journalists who attended a press conference held by an opposition party were arrested and assaulted physically before being released two hours later.

- From Amnesty International, OPC learned that Faraj Sarkouhi, editor of Iran's *Adinah* magazine, was facing a totally unfair trial and a possible death

sentence; his whereabouts were not known.

- Niger's National Assembly passed a restrictive press bill on June 24, 1997, which had been awaiting the signature of President Ibrahim Darre Mainassara. The OPC joined the CPJ in urging Niger's president not to sign the bill.

- In Ukraine, the former Soviet republic, veteran newspaperman Boris Derevyanko, who for 24 years was editor-in-chief of *Vechernyaya Odessa*, and also had been a member of the USSR Supreme Soviet, was assassinated apparently for his published criticism of the Odessa municipal administration.

- Iqbal Athas, a respected journalist and columnist for the *Sunday Times* of Colombo, Sri Lanka, was harassed and intimidated by unidentified men after he exposed alleged financial irregularities in the country's military and defense operations. The OPC committee's message to Prime Minister Chandrika Kumaratunga, urging her to investigate the incident, drew a response from Sri Lanka's Minister of Posts denying any government role in the matter and blaming "irresponsible persons" for trying to embarrass the government.

- Other protests and appeals from the OPC committee have gone to Indonesia, Cambodia, Nigeria, Mexico, Cuba, Pakistan, Thailand, Peru, Kenya, Tonga, Algeria, the Palestine National Authority, the Philippines, and Russia.

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ARLINGTON, Virginia: Linda Mathews, 51, former Hong Kong and Beijing correspondent for *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Los Angeles Times*, this summer joined the national desk of *USA Today*. From 1976-1979, Mathews was based in Hong Kong with *The Wall Street Journal* and then with *The Los Angeles Times*. From 1979-1980, she reported from Beijing for the Los Angeles newspaper and then returned to the U.S., serving in turn as the paper's op-ed editor, deputy national editor and deputy foreign editor. Later Mathews was national editor of *The New York Times*.

ATCHISON, Kansas: As she has done each summer for 21 years, Fay Gillis Wells, 88, a founding member of the OPC, returned this summer to Kansas for the annual gathering of Ninety-Nines, an international organization of women fliers. Wells, who lives in Virginia and learned to fly in 1929, is founder and co-chair of the Ninety-Nines' International Forest of Friendship, a park dedicated to the history of aviation and located near Atchison, the Missouri River town where pioneer aviator Amelia Earhart was born 100 years ago. During this year's Ninety-Nines banquet, Wells shared the podium with astronaut Wally Schirra. Wells, who knew Earhart, played a taped interview with both the son of the judge who married Earhart and book publisher George Palmer Putnam in 1931.

Also this summer at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C., Wells spoke about living in Moscow, where she was a freelance correspondent for *The New York Herald Tribune* and AP, 1930-1936, and where she arranged fuel supplies for flight pioneer Wiley Post, who later invited her to fly with him to Alaska and Siberia. Newly married, Wells turned him down in order to accompany her husband covering the Italian invasion of Ethiopia for *The Herald Tribune*. Post then invited humorist Will Rogers to go with him,



Fay Gillis Wells

and they both died on that trip in 1935 when their plane crashed.

BOSTON: Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) is looking for correspondents who knew or covered **General Douglas MacArthur**. WGBH, the Boston PBS station, has just started work on a three-hour documentary on MacArthur for broadcast on "American Experience," the PBS history series hosted by historian and author **David McCullough**. Associate producer **David Condon** would like to talk with people who knew MacArthur. Contact: David Condon, WGBH, 125 Western Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02134. Tel: (617) 492-2777 ext. 2689.

BRUSSELS: Fred Kempe will become editor and associate publisher of *The Wall Street Journal Europe* in January. Kempe, who has been on leave for a year while writing a book, was managing editor of the European edition from 1992-1996. Meanwhile, **Karen Miller Pensiero**, who joined *The Journal* in Europe as a copy editor in 1985, became director of corporate communications for Dow Jones in New York City on Oct. 1. In 1990 she moved from Brussels to New York to establish *The Journal's* overseas copy desk. Her later posts were managing editor/international, manager of international development and director of Interactive Publishing International. Also in October, **Dick Tofel** became Dow Jones vice president for corporate communications.

HAMDEN, Conn.: Paul Steinle, a radio reporter in the Vietnam War who later became president of UPI, this summer was appointed director of a new master of science in journalism program and associate professor of mass communication at Quinnipiac College. For Westinghouse's *Group W News*, Steinle reported from Vietnam, 1969-1971, and from Hong Kong, 1972-1974; and freelanced in Singapore in 1977. He was president and



Paul Steinle

chief operating officer of UPI in Washington, D.C., 1988-1990. Steinle moved to Quinnipiac from the University of Miami School of Communications, where he was director of the graduate professional journalism program.

ISTANBUL: Terry Anderson, the former hostage in Lebanon, this summer delivered an award from the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists to an editor imprisoned in Turkey who later was released along with five other editors after an appeal from Anderson. **Ocak Isik Yurtcu**, editor of a defunct pro-Kurdish newspaper, was in the third year of a 16-year sentence for publishing an article deemed favorable to separatism. Anderson presented the award to Yurtcu at a ceremony inside the provincial prison where he was being held. Anderson and a delegation of journalists then met with Turkish officials including Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz on behalf of more than 70 journalists imprisoned for violating Turkey's restrictive press laws. The Turkish Parliament later approved an amnesty that resulted in freeing six editors including Yurtcu.

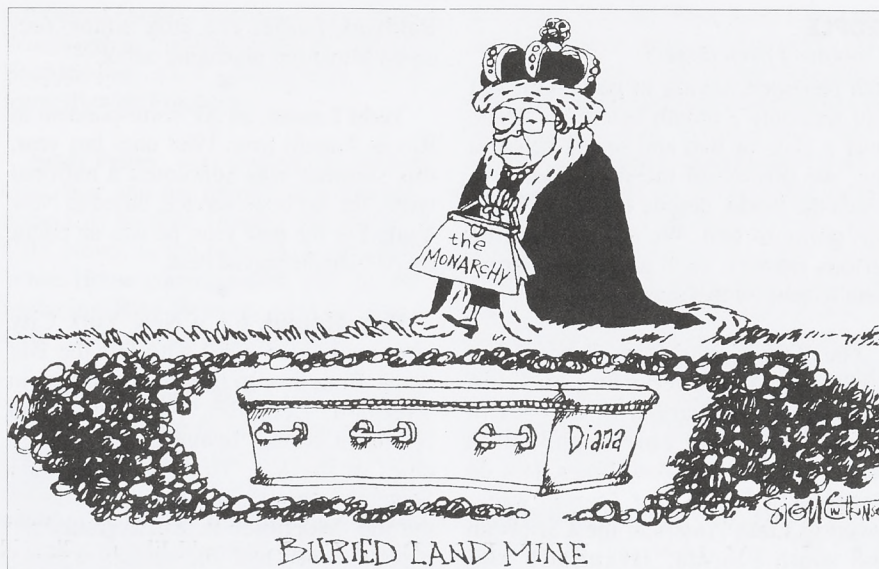
KUALA LUMPUR: Murray Hiebert, a Canadian reporter for the *Far Eastern Economic Review*, was sentenced in September to three months in jail on charges of contempt of the Malaysian judiciary in an article he wrote about a lawsuit. Hiebert, 47, appealed and was released on bail equivalent to U.S.\$94,000. Published in January in the regional news magazine headquartered in Hong Kong, the article described a lawsuit filed by Chandra Sri Ram, wife of a Malaysian appeals court judge, against the Kuala Lumpur International School. Mrs. Chandra brought her suit after the school dropped her 17-year-old son from its debate team. The suit later was settled. She then filed a contempt charge against Hiebert, whose article said that Mrs. Chandra's husband was a judge and that her case against the school was acted on quickly by the courts. In sentencing the reporter, Judge Low Hop Bing said: "It is my view, for far too long, there appear to be unabated, contemptuous attacks by and through the media on our judiciary. It is high time our judiciary shows its abhorrence toward such contemptuous conduct as illustrated by the facts of this case."

LONDON: Several OPC members covered the deaths and funerals of

Princess Diana and Mother Teresa, and three U.S. television networks devoted more time to Diana's death than to any story since the 1991 coup against Mikhail Gorbachev. *Tyndall Report*, a newsletter that tracks coverage in the United States, said ABC, CBS and NBC devoted 197 minutes of their evening newscasts to Diana's fatal auto crash and its aftermath in the five days starting Monday, Sept. 1, the day after she died. The three networks devoted 255 minutes to the coup against Gorbachev in the week it happened. Nielsen Media Research estimated that 33.2 million people in the U.S. watched live telecasts of Diana's funeral Sept. 6 between 6 and 8 a.m. (U.S. Eastern Time), the highest viewing ever recorded by Nielsen during those hours. Anchoring broadcasts from Diana's funeral were OPC member **Dan Rather**, CBS; **Peter Jennings**, ABC; **Tom Brokaw**, NBC; and **Bernard Shaw**, CNN. OPC member **Richard Threlkeld**, CBS News Moscow, flew to Calcutta to cover Mother Teresa's funeral following her death on Sept. 5. Calcutta anchors included Rather, Jennings, Brokaw and **Christiane Amanpour**, CNN. OPC members whose bylines on Princess Diana stories were spotted by the "People" writer: **Roger Cohen**, *The New York Times*; **William D. Montalbano**, *The Los Angeles Times*; **Rodney Nordland**, *Newsweek*; and **Edith Lederer**, **Hugh A. Mulligan** and **Mort Rosenblum**, AP.

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Kristin Gazlay, 38, this summer became news editor in AP's London bureau. For the past seven years, she was assistant managing editor for features in AP's New York headquarters, working earlier for the wire service in Little Rock, Dallas and San Antonio.

LOS ANGELES: A few days after he moved to Los Angeles from New York this summer, OPC member **Jim Colligan** ate dinner in a restaurant, paying the bill with what looked like a \$10 bill. ("Big meal!" he commented.) After leaving the restaurant, Colligan reported, a "guy comes running up Figueroa Street after me, shows me the ten spot. Only it's a one dollar bill that's been doctored, with a slice of a ten spot spliced to either end, beautifully done." Tokyo correspondent for *Catholic News Service* from 1968 to 1996, Colligan moved to New York last year, and, as a longtime press club aficionado, immedi-



Signe Wilkinson, syndicated cartoonist for the *Philadelphia Daily News*, won the 1996 OPC Thomas Nast Award for best cartoons on foreign affairs.

ately joined the OPC. In Tokyo, he was one of a few members of the Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan to be named a life member for his years of service on the board and a writer and cartoonist for *No. 1 Shimbun*, the club's monthly publication.

MANILA: Ruth Youngblood, a veteran UPI correspondent, resigned this summer to become Manila bureau chief for the German press agency *Deutsche Presse-Agentur* (DPA). Youngblood started her career as a foreign correspondent in 1978, when UPI moved her from Honolulu to Hong Kong. She headed UPI's Beijing bureau before transferring to Manila, one of five Asia bureaus to survive cutbacks in UPI's operations.

MINSK, Belarus: Four Russian journalists from Russia's state-owned ORT television network were arrested in Belarus in August, three of them accused of trying to cross the Belarus-Lithuania border illegally and the fourth held as a witness. But yielding to Kremlin pressure, Belarus President Aleksandr Lukashenko released them, and they were deported to Russia. The Russian reporters said they had been investigating smuggling across Belarus borders.

After the release, Belarus television broadcast what *The New York Times* called a "supposed confession" from one of the reporters, **Anatoly Adamchuk**, "stating that his entry into Belarus was part of a wider conspiracy and asking for forgiveness." In an editorial, *The*

Times said the confession was written after Adamchuk was interrogated for two days by the Belarus K.G.B.

MOSCOW: Photos published this summer in a Russian magazine edited by **Artyom Borovik**, who has been a special Moscow correspondent for CBS' "Sixty Minutes" and CBS News, led to the dismissal of Russia's justice minister. Cover photos in the June issue of *Top Secret* allegedly show a naked Justice Minister Valentin A. Kovalev in a sauna with young women. To meet the demand, Moscow newsstands ordered extra copies of that issue. Founded in 1989, *Top Secret's* circulation is more than 2 million. During the August 1991 Moscow coup attempt, Borovik reported live for CBS News.



NEW YORK: OPC member **Kenneth A. Koyen** and **Kenneth W. Bilby** met in 1940 when they were reporters for *The New York Herald Tribune*. After World War II, Bilby covered the Middle East, reporting on the birth of the State of Israel and two years of Arab-Jewish conflicts, and wrote a book, "New Star in the Near East" [New York: Doubleday, 1950]. After Bilby's death on Aug. 1 at age 78, Koyen wrote a memorial to him for the Hammonasset Fishing Association in Connecticut, to which they
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both belonged, saying in part: "Our last visit was only a month before his death. Over a glass or two and seated before a fire, we discussed the many ways in which the world, despite our best efforts, was going to hell. We also considered serious matters, such as why the trout were so reticent this season."

The 1997 Maria Moors Cabot Prizes for distinguished reporting on Latin America were awarded in October to **Julia Preston**, a correspondent in Mexico for *The New York Times*; **Jose de Cordoba**, a *Wall Street Journal* writer covering Latin America, the Caribbean and south Florida; **Hernando and Enrique Santos Castillo**, brothers who edit the daily *El Tiempo* in Bogota, Colombia; and **Jorge Fontevecchia** of Argentina, editor of the weekly news magazine *Noticias de la Semana*. A special citation was awarded posthumously to **Gerardo Bedoya Borrero**, 55, editorial page editor of *El Pais* in Cali, Colombia, who was assassinated in March after writing editorials against leaders of the drug cartel [OPC Bulletin, May]. The \$1,000 Cabot Prizes are awarded by the trustees of Columbia University on recommendation of the dean of the Graduate School of Journalism and an advisory committee.

William C. Cox Jr. retired this summer after 38 years with Dow Jones. While based in London as Dow Jones executive director for Europe, 1981-1989, Cox helped set up *The Wall Street Journal's* European edition. Most recently, he was executive director of Dow Jones client relations, based in New York.



William C. Cox, Jr.

Lawrence Minard, managing editor of *Forbes*, is scheduled to become editor in chief of the magazine's new international edition, *Forbes Global Business and Finance*. Minard, 47, joined *Forbes* in 1974, was chief of its European bureau in London, 1979-1983, and its West Coast/Asia bureau in Los Angeles, 1983-1985. Based in New York, *Forbes Global* will operate bureaus in London, Hong Kong, Tokyo and Manila. **William**

Baldwin, *Forbes* executive editor, succeeds Minard as managing editor.

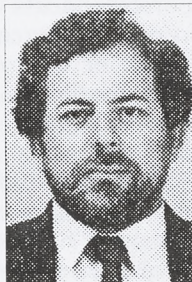
Todd Lewan, an AP correspondent in Rio de Janeiro from 1988 until last year, this summer was appointed a national writer for the news service, based in New York. For the past year, he was an editor on AP's international desk.

Pete Hamill, 62, a New York City newsman since 1960 who left the Big Apple from time to time to cover wars in Vietnam, Lebanon, Nicaragua and Northern Ireland, resigned as editor in chief of the *New York Daily News* in September, just eight months after taking the job. **Mortimer B. Zuckerman**, the paper's owner, told *The New York Times* that he and Hamill disagreed on news presentation. **Debby Krennek**, 41, executive editor of the *Daily News*, took over Hamill's duties.

PANAMA CITY:

Gustavo Gorriti, a Peruvian journalist who used money from an international freedom award to hire bodyguards after he was kidnapped by Peruvian intelligence agents, was in trouble again this summer, this time in Panama. After publishing articles that embarrassed the Panamanian government, his work visa was canceled and he was ordered to leave the country by Aug. 29. Instead, he holed up night and day in the office of *La Prensa*, the Panama City daily where he is associate editor. Into September, the newspaper's lawyers had staved off deportation with an injunction request in Panama's Supreme Court. Panama denied persecuting Gorriti or the newspaper, or violating freedom of the press, maintaining that the editor's work visa was not renewed because local labor laws prohibit foreigners from occupying senior positions in news media.

After joining *La Prensa* last year, Gorriti, 49, a former Neiman Fellow at Harvard University, wrote a series of articles alleging the Cali drug cartel was laundering money through a Panamanian bank and that one Colombian trafficker contributed \$51,000 to the election campaign of Panamanian President Ernesto Pérez Balladares. The U.S. Embassy in Panama City issued a statement saying



Gustavo Gorriti

the decision to eject "a world class journalist such as Gustavo Gorriti raises questions about Panama's commitment to freedom of the press." *The Miami Herald* said Panamanian officials claimed to have learned of a plot by Peruvian intelligence agents to assassinate Gorriti, and Panama may have ordered him expelled so the killing would not occur on Panamanian soil. "They didn't want their lawns sprinkled with my brains," Gorriti told Pamela Constable of *The Washington Post*.

PENSACOLA, Florida: **Lee Keller**, 92, a longtime UPI executive who was vice president and general manager of its international division, 1964-1971, was recuperating in Pensacola's West Florida Hospital late this summer from injuries suffered when he fell in Bronxville, N.Y., where he lives. After the accident, Keller and his wife Peggy flew to Florida to be near their children.

SEOUL: The Society of Professional Journalists in the United States has protested threats from North Korea against the South Korean newspaper *Chosun Ilbo*. In a June editorial, the Seoul daily said North Korean leader Kim Jong-il should step down because "not a day goes by without his people starving to death in droves." North Korea responded with a statement: "Our people are resolved to sternly punish the South Korean puppets and *Chosun Ilbo*." Later the Seoul branch of the International Press Institute received a statement from Steve Geimann, president of the Society of Professional Journalists, saying that North Korea's threats "demonstrate that press freedoms can't be taken for granted and must be defended vigorously."

SINGAPORE: Bowing to a Singapore Government demand, the Foreign Correspondents' Association of Singapore has canceled a scheduled speech by an Indonesian opposition leader. The association's executive committee confirmed in September that it had withdrawn an invitation to Megawati Sukarnoputri to speak at a luncheon that had been scheduled for August. Ms. Megawati is a daughter of the late Indonesian President Sukarno, who lost power in 1966 when Suharto, the current president, instituted a military dominated government. **Darren McDermott**, a member of the association's executive committee,

said this was the first time the Singapore Government objected to a guest invited by the foreign correspondents' group.

TOKYO: Umar Khan Yousufzai, Tokyo correspondent for *Arab News*, this summer was elected to a one-year term as chairman of the Foreign Press in Japan, an organization that represents all foreign correspondents in Japan in dealing with the Japanese Government. The organization is supported by the Tokyo Foreign Correspondents' Club, an OPC reciprocal club.

UNITED NATIONS: A Vietnamese journalist who won an international fellowship from the United Nations Correspondents Association to report on this year's U.N. General Assembly has been barred by Vietnam from traveling to the United States. The journalist, **Nguyen Manh Hung**, 22, news editor at the weekly *Vietnam Investment Review*, was one of four winners of the 1997 Dag Hammarskjold Award that brings young writers, editors and broadcasters to U.N. headquarters in New York. In September, the acting editor in chief of Hung's newspaper, Nguyen Tri Dung, told reporters in Hanoi that the Vietnamese Government barred Hung from accepting the award because it was not presented through government channels. Barbara Crossette reported in *The New York Times*. Sanaa Yousef, chairman of the fellowship fund and U.N. bureau chief for the Egyptian newspaper *Al-Akhbar*, said the program was intended to be independent of governments.

WASHINGTON: Adam Clymer, 60, former *Baltimore Sun* bureau chief in Moscow and New Delhi, was appointed Washington editor of *The New York Times* in September. Clymer joined *The Times* in 1977 and had been its chief Congressional reporter since 1991. In addition to *The Sun*, he has reported for the *New York Daily News* and *The Norfolk Virginia-Pilot*.

In September, **Christiane Amanpour**, CNN's chief international correspondent, received Mount Vernon College's 1997 Outstanding Woman Award during the college's luncheon and symposium, "Celebration of Women in Politics and Journalism" at the National Press Club. The annual event honored Joy Dirksen Baker, late wife of former Tennessee Senator Howard Baker. The program was

co-chaired by her daughter, Cissy Baker, Washington bureau chief of Tribune Broadcasting, and Cynthia Steele Vance, formerly with Fox News.

Scott Pelley, who covered the Persian Gulf War and the murder trial of Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh for CBS News, is the network's new chief White House correspondent, this summer replacing **Rita Braver**, who became a CBS national news correspondent.

WEST POINT, N.Y.: OPC member **Walter Cronkite** in September received



Walter Cronkite

the Thayer Award, presented annually by the U.S. Military Academy to an outstanding citizen whose service and accomplishments exemplify the academy motto, "Duty, Honor, Country." Past recipients of the Thayer Award include Dwight Eisenhower, Bob Hope, Clare Boothe Luce, Douglas MacArthur and Barbara Jordan. The award is named in honor of Col. Sylvanus Thayer, West Point superintendent from 1817 to 1833.

DECEASED: William N. Oatis, the AP correspondent who was forced by the Czechoslovak Communist Government to confess falsely to espionage and was imprisoned during the Cold War, died Sept. 16 in a New York City hospital after a long illness. He was 83. Oatis was the wire service's Prague bureau chief in 1951 when he was arrested. The case led to trade and travel embargoes against Czechoslovakia. Reporting his death, AP said: "The State Department denounced the verdict as a ludicrous travesty, and the U.S. press said Mr. Oatis was condemned for no more than doing his job as a reporter." While he was in jail, the OPC awarded Oatis its 1952 George Polk Award "for courage, integrity and enterprise above and beyond the call of duty."



William N. Oatis

Lionel Chapman, 47, an award-winning producer for ABC News who worked on stories around the world,

died Sept. 7 in his New York City residence of a heart attack. *The Washington Post* called him "one of the top-ranked African-American news producers in network television." Joining ABC News in 1977, Chapman's production credits include coverage of El Salvador fighting, the 1983 Falkland crisis, Ted Koppel's 1985 broadcasts from South Africa, and Tiananmen Square demonstrations. He won five news Emmys, two George Foster Peabody Awards, two DuPont Columbia Awards and the Image Award from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Joyce Gibbons Van Meer, 70, a reporter in the Netherlands for CBS News and Voice of America in the 1960s, died of cardiac arrest Aug. 27 at her home in Chevy Chase, Maryland. After returning to the United States, she was a food editor for Gannett News Service and a freelance writer.

Oscar Wetherhold (Tom) Riegel, a foreign correspondent before he became an academic expert on government propaganda, died in a Lexington, Virginia, hospital on Aug. 23, one day after suffering a stroke. He was 94 and had been a journalism professor at Washington and Lee University in Lexington for 34 years. In the 1920s while a correspondent in Paris for *The Chicago Tribune*, Riegel developed an interest in propaganda. In 1934, he published a book, *Mobilizing for Chaos: The Story of the New Propaganda*, a study of machination and chauvinism in European press and radio. During World War II, he served as principal propaganda analyst with the U.S. Office of War Information.

Roger A. Cowell, 81, a retired VOA correspondent, died Aug. 14 in a Washington, D.C., hospital after a heart attack. He covered the White House, the United Nations, the 1967 Six Day War between Israel and Egypt, and the Vietnam War. Cowell, who retired in 1976, also served as VOA's chief of correspondents in Europe and Asia.

Feliks J. Broniecki, retired chief of VOA's Polish service who broadcast for Polish Radio from London during World War II, died Aug. 5 in a Washington, D.C., area hospital after a heart attack. He was 88. Born in Warsaw, Broniecki
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New Books

■ The journals of Dan Eldon published by Chronicle Books under the title *The Journey Is the Destination* will be exhibited at the SABA gallery, 116 East 16 Street in New York City from Oct. 10 through Nov. 3. In 1994 Larry Smith gave his President's Award to four photojournalists stoned to death in Somalia; among them was Dan Eldon, age 22. Dan's mother Kathy has selected the best parts of his personal journals. Dan grew up in Kenya, led a relief mission to Mozambique and died as a Reuter photojournalist.

■ ABC News correspondent Lynn Sherr recently celebrated the release of *Tall Blondes*, her book about giraffes. Sherr went on safari in Kenya in 1973 and fell in love with animals. The book contains facts, lore, literature and photographs of giraffes, and is published by Andrews McMeel Publishing.

■ Several years ago, **Ben Macintyre**, Paris bureau chief of *The Times of London*, visited Los Angeles to cover

the Rodney King police violence case. Macintyre took time off to explore the archives of the Pinkerton Detective Agency, where he found a 1902 clipping from the *Portland Oregonian* recording the life and death of Adam Worth, described as a "master thief of modern times." From his research that followed, Macintyre wrote a book published this summer: *The Napoleon of Crime: The Life and Times of Adam Worth, Master Thief* [New York: Farrar, Straus & Giroux]. In the U.S. and Europe during the late 19th century, Worth robbed banks, held up trains and cracked safes, making off with more than \$3 million.

■ OPC board member **Roy Rowan**, a foreign correspondent for *Time*, *Life* and *Fortune* since 1947, and **Brooke Janis**, who has worked for CBS News and other U.S. national media, came up with an original idea for a book: a photographic history of American presidents and their dogs. Published in August, their *First Dogs: American Presidents and Their Best Friends* [Chapel Hill,



Roy Rowan and Brooke Janis

North Carolina: Algonquin Books], is a collection of anecdotes and 71 drawings and photos of presidents and dogs who have lived at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Harry Truman said: "If you want a friend in Washington, get a dog."

ABOUT THE OPC

The Overseas Press Club of America is the nation's oldest and largest association of journalists engaged in international news. Founded in 1939 by 13 foreign correspondents in New York, the OPC has grown to more than 500 members worldwide. The club's mission is to uphold the highest standards in news reporting, advance press freedoms, and promote good fellowship among colleagues. Its activities include events, scholarships and reciprocal relationships with press clubs around the globe. All those with a professional interest in international journalism are invited to contact the OPC about membership.

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fought with Free Polish forces in the British Army in the 1940 Norway campaign and then became a broadcaster with Polish Radio in London. In 1945, he joined BBC and in 1953 moved to Radio Free Europe in Munich. He joined VOA's Polish service in Washington in 1964 and became its chief in 1980, retiring two years later.

Kinji Ishizaka, 76, former chief European correspondent and later foreign editor of *Sankei Shimbun*, a Tokyo-based national daily, died July 13, and members of the Tokyo Foreign Correspondents Club rolled the dice for him at an Aug. 8 memorial service. A club member for more than 25 years, Ishizaka was a frequent visitor to the club's old Shimbun Alley Bar, where he and his colleagues rolled dice for drinks and talked about important things.

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